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1. SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE ON
DISARMAMENT (CD) (CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN)

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING OFF ON AN ACDA/IO/PM
PAPER TO SECRETARY NEWSOM ON THE QUESTION OF HOW THE NEW
MEMBERS OF THE CD ARE TO BE SELECTED. THERE ARE TWO EA
CANDIDATES: AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA, WITH AUSTRALIA
WAGING BY FAR THE MORE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN, BOTH WITH US AND
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WITH OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES. THE DRAFT PAPER, AS
PRESENTLY WRITTEN, INCLUDES BOTH COUNTRIES ON ALL OF OUR
SUGGESTED NEGOTIATING SLATES. THE GENERAL PREFERENCE IN
THE PAPER IS TO BACK A SLATE OF 8 (RATHER THAN 5).

AS FOR QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO NEWSOM FOR DECISION, WE HAVE
INDICATED OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR AN OPTION WHICH WOULD

HAVE THE US EXPRESS A PREFERENCE FOR A SPECIFIC SLATE OF CANDIDATES, AS OPPOSED TO AN OPTION WHICH WOULD HAVE US PROPOSE AGREEMENT ON A GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF STATES, WITH THE SPECIFIC CHOICE OF COUNTRIES LEFT UP TO THE APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS. IT WAS OUR AND ANZ'S FEELING THAT AUSTRALIA'S CHANCES MIGHT BE PREJUDICED BY THE LATTER OPTION. MOREOVER, THAT OPTION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DILUTE THIS GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE OVERALL COMPOSITION OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE NEW COMMITTEE.

2. MEETING OF CHRISTOPHER GROUP AUGUST 18 (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP (INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE) IS TO TAKE PLACE AUGUST 18. S/P IS BUSY WORKING ON THE AGENDA AND COLLECTING THE DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY IT. ALTHOUGH THE AGENDA IS NOT YET COMPLETE, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE ITEMS ON IT FOR THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND KOREA. IN THE CASE OF INDONESIA, WHICH TENTATIVELY HAS IO ADB LOAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY ISSUE WILL BE WHETHER TO MAKE A "POSITIVE DEMARCHE" TO INDONESIA REGARDING RECENT RELEASES OF POLITICAL DETAINEES. HA IS THE ORIGINATOR AND THE ONLY BACKER OF THIS PROPOSAL. IN FACT, WE

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UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR MASTERS HAS ALREADY MADE A NUMBER OF POSITIVE DEMARCHES. FOR THE PHILIPPINES THERE ARE TWO ADB LOANS AND AN OPIC ITEM. KOREA IS DOWN FOR NO LESS THAN FIVE OPIC ITEMS; WE WILL BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THESE OPIC APPLICATIONS SINCE THEY ARE THE FIRST TO COME UP FOR KOREA. THE AGENDA CONTAINS SEVEN OTHER OPIC ITEMS, FOR NEA AND ARA.

3. ASIA FOUNDATION (LOU)

THE ASIA FOUNDATION'S TROUBLES WITH SENATOR INOUE ARE NOT OVER. UNDER PRESSURE FROM OTHER SENATORS, INOUE RECENTLY WITHDREW HIS OBJECTION TO DISTRIBUTION OF FY 1978 AID FUNDS TO THE FOUNDATION. HOWEVER, THE SENATOR IS NOW REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO SEEK A PROHIBITION AGAINST DISTRIBUTING FY 1979 FUNDS TO AF DURING THE SENATE'S FORTHCOMING MARK-UP OF AID'S FY 79 APPROPRIATION BILL. THE FOUNDATION SHARES THE GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS AND TIME CONSUMING NATURE OF THIS ISSUE. AS A RESULT, AF PRESIDENT HAYDN WILLIAMS WILL BE CALLING ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM ON FRIDAY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WHICH

THE FOUNDATION COULD ESCAPE THIS CONTINUAL SQUABBLE. JOHN

SULLIVAN AND BOB OAKLEY HAVE BOTH BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND.

4. PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS: MORE BACKPEDALING (CONFIDENTIAL)

NO ONE FROM EITHER IO OR THE USUN WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A TRIP TO ASIA THIS YEAR FOR PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS (OTHER THAN THE ALREADY COMPLETED MAYNES VISIT TO TOKYO). HOWEVER, PRE-GA TALKS WITH AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND ARE NOW BEING PLANNED FOR THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER IN NEW YORK. AND THERE IS PRESENTLY SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MAYNES TALKING WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE ASEAN STATES, DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE

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GA. NO DECISIONS, HOWEVER, ON THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY HAVE BEEN REACHED.

5. MEETING OF IGHKFA WORKING GROUP AUGUST 10 (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED NEWS OF AN INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW. THERE ARE ONLY THREE EA ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR IT, ALL OF THEM ADB LOANS FOR VIETNAM IN AMOUNTS NOT YET KNOWN TO US. THE LOANS ARE FOR THE BINH DINH IRRIGATION PROJECT, THE GO CONG PIONEER AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AND THE TAN AN INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THEM.

6. BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR SPEECH BY PATT DERIAN

PATT DERIAN HAS PLANS TO DELIVER SPEECHES COVERING EACH OF THE REGIONAL BUREAU'S AREAS. IN RESPONSE TO HER REQUEST WE HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLING A LARGE AMOUNT OF PERTINENT MATERIAL WITH THE AID OF EA COUNTRY DIRECTORATES. THESE SHOULD BE COMING FORWARD SHORTLY UNDER COVER OF A MEMORANDUM FOR BOB OAKLEY TO SEND MARK SCHNEIDER. VANCE

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